Sugar Development Fund

1220. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) when the Sugar Development Fund was set up and what is the arrear at present;

(b) the amount and the manner in which it is utilised, so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that it has neither benefited sugar mill owners nor cane growers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (e) The Sugar Development Fund was formed in 1982 under the provisions of the Sugar Development Fund Act, 1982. The balance in the Fund is Rs. 1390.76 crores as on 31.3.2003.

The Fund is utilized in accordance with Section 4 of the SDF Act, 1982. In the period 1982-83 to 31.3.2003 the amounts disbursed head wise are as follows:—

(Rs. in crores)

Head	Amount
Subsidy for maintenance of buffer stock of sugar	469.00
Grant-in-aid for Research Scheme aimed at Development of Sugar Industry	21.43
Loans to Sugar Mills for Cane Development Schemes	464.87
Loans for Modernisation/Rehabilitation of sugar mills	1208.02
Administration of Sugar Development Fund	37.98
Expenditure on National Institute of Sugarcane and Sugar Technology	15.32
TOTAL:	2216.62

The Sugar Development Fund Act is an Act to provide for the financing of activities for development of sugar industry and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto. The utilization of the Fund as mentioned above has been for the benefit of the sugar industry.

Allocation of kerosene

†1221. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of kerosene allocated to different States during the last two years month-wise;

(b) whether Madhya Pradesh has requested the Central Government to increase the allocation of kerosene, time and again and whether instead of increasing the allocation it has been further reduced;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether kerosene would be allocated to all the States adopting equal norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) The required information is given in the Statement. (See below).

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Kerosene allocation to the State of Madhya Pradesh has been reduced in line with the uniform policy adopted by the Government to reduce allocation taking into account number of LPG connections released in each of the State/Union Territory during a particular period.

(d) Yes Sir.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.